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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Market conditions were highly unsettled with trade sentiment trending sharply lower than the past week. Demand for post holiday fill-in was light. Most buyers were content to await regular arrivals to service needs. Offerings from producers were available, often at less than full value on both parts and whole body product. Live supplies were adequate at generally desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 71.25 cents last year on the 9th of September, 1998.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	197.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	96.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.50
LEG QUARTERS	23.00
WINGS	54.00

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 9/04/99	1999	1998	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	177,063	173,366	+02
CHICKS PLACED	140,651	138,388	+02

### **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 177 million eggs during the week ending September 4, 1999. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 80 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### **Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 4, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through September 4, 1999, were 5.06 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 68.72 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was barely steady. Offerings ample and slow to clear. Sharper discounts offered to help stimulate interest in additional product. Buyers' needs were light to moderate. Demand was moderate overall, best to cover ads. Floor stocks in fair balance. The market tone was weak on breast and about steady on balance of parts.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was fair at best with limited trading. Supplies were at least sufficient to handle current needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to fully adequate and slow to move, dark meat items and wings were well balanced and showing good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were at least adequate for the light buyer interest, even with attractive discounting. Retail and food service movement was irregular, slow to fair and noted as typical following a holiday. Fill-in trading was slowing. Fast food trading in the Chicago area was reported as fair to good. Floor stocks were adequate with weights desirable to heavy. Parts trading was spotty and very selective. Most active trading noted on wings and leg quarters with a few reports of discounting on breast items. Supplies of all items were at least adequate with boneless/skinless breasts in the longest position. A major chain noted featured family pack boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.88 in Detroit and Pick of the Chick at \$.97 in Ohio. Features in Chicago included drums and thighs at 69 cents and wings at 79 cents. Parts trade sentiment was steady on wings, cautiously steady on dark meat items and weak on breast items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued about moderate. Offerings easily covered current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. In the parts market, breast items continued to struggle and were often sharply discounted in an effort to stimulate buyer interest.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, the availability of breast items increased as buying interest slowed and was only spotty at best. Leg quarters and wings were noted as in good demand and the supply of each was tight at most plants.

<b>*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.</b>	
<b>BRANDED U.S. GRADE A</b>	
RANGE	50-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.65
NO. OF BOXES	8,407
*6 of 8 plants reporting.	

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	POUNDS		RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)				AVG
BREAST - B/S	788		137.00-240.00	-	206.63
TENDERLOINS	65		152.00-195.00	152-155	168.40
BREAST - LINE RUN	106		95.00-99.00	95-96	95.38
FRONT HALVES	140		67.00-80.00	-	73.00
LEGS	87		31.00-37.00	31-32	31.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	472		19.00-22.00	19-20	19.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,398		21.00-24.00	21-23	22.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	74		49.00-53.50	-	50.68
WINGS (CUT)	457		55.00-71.00	60-61	62.62
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
B/S THIGHS	120		56.00-68.00	-	58.42

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 08, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S	5-DAY
	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
43.00 - 51.00	46.25	47.59

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was mixed with dealers remaining cautious as they fill their needs. Offerings of breast items were sharply discounted in an effort to stimulate interest, other items varied in both availability and price from plant to plant as well as from location. Retail and distributive movement was generally of a light and spotty nature. The market tone was weak on breast items, cautiously steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180-185	195.74	371,800
TENDERLOINS	150-155	154.82	37,029
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	99.43	228,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	82.80	100,800
LEGS	30-31	33.61	151,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	22.32	358,076
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.86	77,870
THIGHS	20-21	31.17	78,480
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.24	30,950
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	54.34	200,180
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.20	21,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.95	18,039
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.24	35,560

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/08	09/07	09/06	09/03	09/06	09/03	09/01	08/30
ALA	3,874	3,748	(A)	4,050	(A)	4.86	3,844	5.05
ARK	4,564	5,192	Holiday	5,606	Holiday	4.57	5,024	4.76
DELMARVA	2,496	2,507	Holiday	2,970	Holiday	4.88	2,533	4.99
KY-LA-TN	1,809	1,771	(A)	1,982	(A)	4.34	1,781	4.44
MISS	2,808	2,852	(A)	3,257	(A)	4.83	2,775	4.89
NC	2,594	2,340	(A)	3,085	(A)	5.26	2,569	5.56
TEXAS	2,063	2,044	(A)	2,400	(A)	4.48	2,036	4.62
TOTAL	20,208	20,454	2,733	23,350	4.47	4.76	20,562	4.92
MON-WED	43,591(B)						61,449(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Sep-99 is estimated to be 30,233,000 down 2.02 percent from a week ago and up 0.1 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,855,000; last year 30,202,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)****PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	84-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-98
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	104
	ICE PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	92
DUCKS		149-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT - 11

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/11/99 (1)	09/04/99
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	126,390 (2)	159,340
LT HENS	1,634	1,987
HVY HENS	1,385	1,575
CHECK TOTAL	129,409	162,902

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Sep-99 is 152.7 million head compared to 150.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 127.9 million head or 24.8 million less than estimated available. For week of 18-Sep-99 the estimated available is 150.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 6-Sep-99	192,814		95,979	
AM 1-Aug-99	195,480		94,776	
CHG	-2,666		1,203	
PCT CHG	-1		1	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT**

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/6/99	08/30/99	09/07/98	09/6/99	08/30/99	09/07/98
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	39,936	38,497	42,678	16,512	17,224	8,183
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	1,056	1,019	466	6,754	6,683	3,358

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 09/08/99

	LO		HI		AVG	
	LO	HI	LO	HI	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb. - .65			-HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.003.00	-	
LIGHT FOWL lb. - .10			-LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	
MIXED FOWL lb..851.00		.93	MIXED FOWL ea.	.703.50	-	
BANTAMS lb. .401.00		.64	BANTAMS ea.	.301.35	-	
BROILERS lb. - -			-BROILERS ea.	-	-	
ROASTERS lb. - -			-ROASTERS ea.	-	-	
FRYERS lb. - -			-FRYERS ea.	-	-	
CHICKS lb. - -			-CHICKS ea.	.502.00	-	
PULLETS lb. - -			-PULLETS ea.	-	-	
BUNNIES lb. - -			-BUNNIES ea.	-2.25	-	
ROOSTERS lb..701.45		.98	ROOSTERS ea.	-4.00	-	
GEESE lb. - -			-GEESE ea.	-2.00	-	
TURKEYS lb. .351.90		.87	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	
DUCKS lb. .801.50		1.13	DUCKS ea.	-	-	
RABBITS lb. .301.10		.77	RABBITS ea.	.501.75	-	
PIGEONS lb. - -			-PIGEONS ea.	1.002.50	-	
GUINEA FOWL lb.- -			-GUINEA FOWL ea	5.009.00	-	
DUCKLINGS lb. - -			-DUCKLINGS ea.	1.502.50	-	
GUINEA KEETS ea. - -			- CALL DUCKS ea.	9.0011.50	-	
SILKIES ea. .754.50			-GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	
GUINEA PIGS ea.- .75			-	-	-	

TOTAL COOPS 114

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1999.

<u>HENS</u>		<u>RANGE</u>
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 3, 1999

	Whole	Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards Hens
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	48.63	102.11	68.08	24.31	4.86 46.20
High	50.09	126.43	87.53	29.18	5.84 46.20
Mostly	50.09	121.57	77.80	24.31	4.86 46.20
<b>SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	54.46	102.11	63.21	24.31	7.29 51.06
High	56.41	121.57	82.66	31.61	8.75 51.06
Mostly	55.43	111.84	68.08	26.74	7.29 51.06
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	48.63	102.11	68.08	19.45	4.86 43.76
High	50.57	121.57	87.53	24.31	5.84 43.76
Mostly	49.60	121.57	72.94	19.45	4.86 43.76
<b>BECERRA</b>					
Low	54.46	102.11	63.21	26.74	5.84 48.63
High	56.41	116.70	68.08	34.04	8.75 48.63
Mostly	56.41	116.70	68.08	29.18	7.29 48.63

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